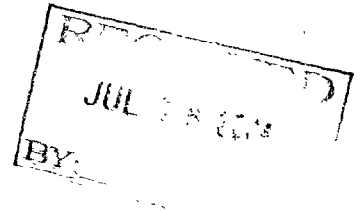




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May 25, 2004



Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30-day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Osteo Joint Care Maximum Strength supplements under the Duane Reade brand name.

**Ingredients:** Glucosamine Hydrochloride, Chondroitin Sulfate.

- Helps Promotes Healthy Cartilage Formation and Joint Support.
- The joint support system is responsible for sustaining the area around muscles and bones, providing shock absorption and supporting your internal structure.
- The ingredients in Osteo Joint Care Maximum Strength include Glucosamine and Chondroitin, two supplements that can help you sustain joint health.
- Studies indicate that Glucosamine provides the building blocks for constructing cartilage, while Chondroitin helps to promote healthy joints and cartilage.
- Glucosamine and Chondroitin work together to help maintain the structural framework of joints to support comfortable movement.
- The dosage levels in this product have been widely used in scientific research that supports Glucosamine and Chondroitin's ability to help cushion and strengthen joints.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

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Vice President, Nutrition Information

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